

Interagency **TASK FORCE** ON Drunk Driving

Colorado Department of Transportation
Main Auditorium, Second Floor
May 29, 2009 - 9:00 am-Noon

Interagency Task Force on Drunk Driving (ITFDD) created by enactment of Senate Bill 06-192 whose mission is to:

Investigate methods of reducing the incidence of drunk and impaired driving and to develop recommendations for the State of Colorado regarding the enhancement of government services, education and intervention to prevent drunk and impaired driving.

I. Introductions

Members

- Pam Hutton, Chair (Absent)
- Colonel Jim Wolfinbarger
- Christine Flavia
- Steve Hooper (Absent)
- Thomas Quinn
- Honorable Ed Casias
- Scott Schultz
- Stephen Hooper

Representatives

- Bill Young
- Emily Tompkins
- Carolyn DeVries
- Jeanne McEvoy
- Abe Hutt (Absent)
- Paul Wood
- Chief Russell Van Houten
- Steve Findley (Absent)
- Steve Wrenn
- Ryan Kester

Others in attendance

Mike Nugent
Glenn Davis
Robin Roche
Tom Lorz
Dr. David Timken
Paul Hofmann
Bear Kay

Chris Halsor
Kristen House
Karen Abrahamson
Carole Walker
Tom Kissler
Ray Fisher
Heather Halpape
[Maya Thomas-Wachterman](#)
Kris Johnson

II. Sub-Committee – Updates

A. By Laws Sub-Committee

- i. The issue of how to designate a new member if a seat of a non-state agency became vacant arose, when the committee seat belonging to a person under twenty-four years of age who is enrolled in a secondary or postsecondary school became vacant.
 1. The committee proposed an amendment to the bylaws to address the designation of a new member
 2. There was concern over the use of the wording “alcohol beverages” and “alcoholic beverages”. This wording was copied directly from the statute and therefore cannot be changed at this time.
 3. A representative of a statewide organization of victims of drunk driving or impaired driving needs to be added to the proposed amendment. A motion was put forth to include organization in the amendment, the motion was seconded and passed.
 4. A motion was put forth to include the amendment in the by laws, the motion was seconded and the motion was passed.

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B. Prevention Sub-Committee

- i. The prevention sub-committee changed its name to Prevention of Alcohol Related Consequences and is now having combined meetings with the Underage Drinking Prevention and Reduction Workgroup
- ii. The committee was watching HB 1266 because it was a bill that changed the ability of judges to tell the Division of Motor Vehicles about certain convictions. Alcohol is one of the areas of concern and actually was returned to the bill. Controlled substances were not returned to the bill. The committee would like the task force to look at supporting controlled substances be added back into a bill, since driving under a controlled substance is as dangerous as driving under alcohol.
- iii. Karen Abrahamson asked if CSP or CDOT has data of DUI and DUID arrests, and CSP does have this data and CDOT has this data available through 2008.

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C. Intervention Sub-Committee

- i. The intervention sub-committee will be facilitating a panel discussion about Strengthening Colorado’s DUI Laws by adding a felony DUI charge at the extended July 24th ITFDD meeting.
 1. The panel discussion will comprise of three components:
 - a. Examination and education about the current DUI statutes and the associated penalties
 - b. Presentation of specific solutions stemming from previously introduced legislation, any previous discussions, and other resources brought forward by the ITFDD members

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F. System Improvements Sub-Committee

No Update

G. Persistent Drunk Driver Sub-Committee

- i. The sub-committee is working with a student from Colorado State University who is doing a research study on treatment completion, recidivism, drop-out, and .15 BAC.
- ii. There is progress being made on the Department of Behavioral Health's treatment rules and adding an interlock enhancement counseling component to the current structure of treatment.
- iii. Persistent Drunk Driving funds might be able to be used for the ignition interlock study, but it will not work for the next budget cycle.
- iv. In following up on the Denver Post article the Division of Behavioral Health, discovered errors in some of the data that they provided for the article. Most of the errors were caused by data entry, etc.
 - 1. The Bill Young, MillerCoors gave the article an "F" because the article only mentioned the ignition interlock once and did not give it the credit it deserves
 - 2. Chief Wolfinbarger stated that he did have a discussion with the writer of the article about the success of CSP, law enforcement, the Heat is On campaign, and the ignition interlock. The Chief invited the writer to the ITFDD meeting, but the writer did not attend. The Chief does believe that some of the article was inaccurate and sensational but that is the nature of media but feels that at least it brought some light to this very serious issue that does not usually get the attention.

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H. Communications Sub-Committee

- i. The committee presented the new ITFDD brochure. 1000 copies have been printed and are ready for distribution.
- ii. A new memorial crash vehicle is being announced. It is the Stricklen crash car.
 - 1. It will be unveiled on June 2, at 10:30am on the west steps of the Capital
 - 2. The car will travel the state and if you would like to request the car, please contact the Rocky Mountain Insurance Association
- iii. The sub-committee would like to create a new website for the ITFDD
 - 1. They would like the website to provide a list of the committee members and their contact information
 - 2. The committee expressed concern about what would be posted on the website. Records of meetings and meeting notes would be acceptable, but positions taken on issues should only be posted after official action has been taken
- iv. Steve Hooper requested a guidance that members of the committee could refer to if they are contacted about the ITFDD now that a brochure is going to be distributed.
 - 1. The communication committee will put together a document for the ITFDD to review at the next meeting.

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III. Proposed change to ITFDD By-laws. Amendment to Article III, Add Section 2 – Vacancies

A. See By Laws Sub-Committee Update

IV. Other Agenda Items

A. The ITFDD committee needs to revisit its structure and check-in on its mission and strategy

- i. Chief Wolfinbarger will work with Pam and Robin in coming up with a plan to update the strategic plan and will present it to the committee
- ii. Chief Wolfinbarger will report back to the ITFDD on July 24th on where the strategic plan stands.

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- V. Discussion/Panel Selection – Felony DUI Law
- A. See Intervention Sub-Committee Update

- VI. CDOT Legislation Report and Update

- A. Legislative session has wrapped up and legislators are looking for bills to sponsor for next session

- B. There are going to be three new members next session

- C. Because there is no money, fees are very unpopular and bills with fiscal notes will be a huge uphill battle

- D. The Denver Post article might help get a sponsor for a Felony DUI Bill because of the media controversy is caused

- E. The ITFDD is legislatively limited after 2011

- i. Keep that in the forefront and in the ITFDD strategic plan and think about how the task force will go about renewing itself

- F. HB-1194 and NHTSA

- i. HB-1194 added four additional required checkpoints per year

- ii. NHTSA funded checkpoints over Superbowl weekend and will be funding checkpoints over the first 3 weekends in June to make sure that Colorado meets the requirements of HB-1194. NHTSA is assisting with funding because CDOT is not receiving until July 1st.

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- VII. Next Meeting

- A. July 24, 2009 – 9:00 – 3:00, CDOT Auditorium

- VIII. Adjourn